

2007 TranPlan 21 SAFETEA-LU Compliance Amendment Scope of Work

The Planning Division has contracted with Cambridge Systematics (CS) to help MDT with an amendment to TranPlan 21, MDT's statewide long-range transportation plan. The purpose of the contract is to ensure compliance with the new or changed requirements for Planning in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

CS will conduct a thorough review of SAFETEA-LU legislation and the FHWA final rule to determine what areas in TranPlan 21 need to be addressed and will conduct a public involvement process adequate to support the limited plan amendment. Specifically, the process will include the following key tasks:

- **Consistency of TranPlan 21 and Planned Growth and Economic Development Plans** – Through this review, CS will propose a policy statement that will help MDT further integrate regional safety, access management, mobility, and other performance factors into statewide transportation planning and local land use decisions. Public transportation and a consolidated service model in Montana communities will be considered along with local growth patterns and policies that support transit development. TranPlan 21 policies will be reviewed and updated with consideration to the considerable growth in the Section 5311 Program Montana received under SAFETEA-LU.
- **New Consultations** – CS will compare transportation plans to state and tribal conservation plans or maps (of expected needs) and inventories of natural or historic resources. CS will explore an appropriate scale to incorporate environmental considerations in the transportation planning process with consideration given to the pre-National Environmental Policy Act corridor planning process.
- **Statewide Plans/Environmental Mitigation** – CS will prepare a policy statement that identifies the appropriate level of environmental assessment for long-range planning, including consideration of the appropriate scale to best identify early “no go” environmental issues and/or develop projects with a thorough understanding of likely environmental issues that will emerge.
- **Capital, Operations and Management Strategies, Investments, Procedures, and Other Measures** – CS will use Performance Programming Process (P3) and previous analysis tools (HEAT) to recommend any amendments that may be needed to improve TranPlan 21.
- **Transportation System Security** – CS will work with the appropriate state, federal, and local agencies to design and prepare a transportation security policy statement for integration with TranPlan 21 including natural disaster preparedness.
- **Visualization Techniques in Plans** – CS will determine the visualization techniques that will make the plan clear, understandable and consistent with MDT GIS Strategic Plan.

- **Twenty-Year Forecast Period** – CS will update TranPlan 21 forecasts to year 2030.
- **Strategic Highway Safety Plan** – CS will reference the Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) and provide a discussion of the ongoing CHSP process and the prioritized objective areas including the 2015 fatality goal.
- **MPO Plans** – CS will review the current Metropolitan Planning Organization transportation plans and policies and recommend the particular methods and procedures for which they can become SAFETEA-LU compliant.